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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At its meeting of December 10, 2003, the Board of Regents acted as follows:

Conditional approval is granted for the proposed A.A.S. program in Radiologic Technology (CIP Code 51.0907) at Fletcher Technical Community College. Once an appropriately-credentialed, full-time Program Director has been hired, the Board of Regents shall consider an implementation date for the program.

STAFF ANALYSIS

It is relevant to note that while Fletcher has attained SACS/CoC candidacy, it has not yet received accreditation. Fletcher reports that the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JCERT) has different credential requirements for a Radiologic Technology program director, depending upon whether or not the sponsoring institution is regionally accredited. Fletcher has decided that the credentials required for a Radiologic Technology director at a non-regionally accredited institution are prohibitive. Hence, they have chosen not to implement the program until after SACS/CoC accreditation has been achieved, which is anticipated for Spring 2009.

The institution provides the following schedule of activities leading to implementation of the Radiologic Technology program and its achievement of JCERT specialized accreditation:

- Spring 2009: Obtain SACS membership and hire a Rad Tech program director.
- Summer 2009: Hire an instructor/clinical coordinator.
- Fall 2009: Admit students into the Rad Tech program.
- September 2009: Submit application for JCERT Accreditation.
- Summer 2010: Host JCERT Accreditation on-site visit.
- Spring 2011: Receive notification of JCERT Accreditation decision.

STAFF SUMMARY

The staff encourages the College to move expeditiously toward SACS/CoC accreditation, and thereafter, the hiring of a Program Director. Staff will not authorize program implementation until these two issues have been resolved.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee receive the 2008 Progress Report from Fletcher Technical Community College Relative to Implementation of the A.A.S. Program in Radiologic Technology at Fletcher Technical Community College. By June 1, 2009, the College shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a further progress report addressing the following:

- 1. The status of institutional accreditation by SACS/CoC; and
- 2. The hiring of a JCERT-qualified Radiologic Technology Program Director.

Depending upon the contents of the report, the staff may authorize program implementation with additional reporting required until JCERT accreditation has been achieved.